

CHAPTER XVI

PABLIAMENT AT

LAST 1837

An entry in the Mutilated Diary resumes the narrative.

Returned to London on the first of May; entered much into society: invited by Lord Francis Egerton¹ personally to a magnificent entertainment, which I attended — Sir Jⁿ. Tyrrell, O. Dick, Lord Walpole, Exmoufch, Eector, Griinston. Distinguished myself very much in the election of Burdett for Westminster; the success mainly attributable to myself : proposed and organised the youth of the Carlton, including all the nobility, fashion, and influence of our party to canvass

---Lord Forester and his brother,
Codrington, H. Baring,
Pigot, Sir H. Campbell, &c., &c.

To Sarah Disraeli.

May
1837.

Town is quite full, and the only thing talked of is the Westminster election. I am on Burdett's committee and obliged to canvass. My district, which is Bolton Street, Clarges, &c., is all right, though, curious enough, Leader² is one of my list.

P. is the most wonderful person in the world. He lives in one of the most expensive houses in Portland Place, many servants in livery, a handsome wife ornately dressed, children in fancy dresses tumbling on ottomans, one swearing he is a Tory, the other a Radical, &c. An Expenditure not under £5,000 per annum, and no one is the least aware of his means. The party was very stupid. A few Carlton men, mixed up with some Marylebone and Bloomsbury slip-slop; but I like to go to a house for the first time.

¹ Second son of the first Duke of Sutherland, and himself subsequently first Earl of Ellesmere.

² Burdett's opponent.

